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The Record will be sent to new subscribers until Jan. 1st 1889, for 45 cts. Now is the time for new subscribers to sign.

GREETINGS.

\$40.00 at Webb's Drug Store. Go to Webb's and get \$40.00 for five cents.

Eclipse of the moon next Sunday night.

The \$40.00 nickel cigar at Webb's beats them all.

The Harrison and Cleveland scarf pins are the latest at E. P. Shaffer's.

A complete line of school books and fine stationery at the Post Office Book Store.

G. P. Blanchard conducted a Prohibition meeting at Shepherd last Monday night.

Take your Umbrellas to E. P. Shaffer and have the tops Gold Plated and Engraved.

Frank Leonard having bought a pair of stanzas has a little circus of his own every day in the week.

The Durand Express, Vol. 1, No. 1, is on our table. It is a six-column folio and a very neat typographical sheet.

The Republican County convention will be held at Ithaca August 2nd. Arcadia is entitled to seven delegates.

W. A. Babbie is a delegate to the Democratic State Convention which meets at Detroit on Thursday, July 19.

W. A. Carpenter, of the D. L. & N. R. R. in company of several other Detroit gentlemen, spent Sunday at the Wright House.

The T. A. & N. M. R. R. will run an excursion train from Farwell and points south, to Whitmore Lake on Sunday, July 29th at reduced rates.

Emore Journal says the Alma base ball club is composed of gentlemen "but they can't play ball." Bro. White, trot out a club all under 17 years old and we will show you.

The T. A. & N. M. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to the camp meeting at Bay View, Mich., from July 16th to the 23rd inclusive, good to return until August 17th, for one fare for the round trip.

The Maple Leaf B. B. club went to St. Louis Monday afternoon to play a matched game with the club of that place. The game resulted in the score of 18 to 10 in favor of the Maple Leaf.

Subscribers will confer a favor by showing the Record to their neighbors, and requesting them to subscribe for it. All the local news of importance will be found in its columns every week. Until Jan. 1st for 45 cts.

The Rev. T. W. Marsh, of Grand Rapids, was in town Wednesday. We are glad to learn that Mr. Marsh is soon to become a resident of Alma, he being Sec. of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church for the Synod of Michigan.

The first nine B. B. club of Alma went to Shepherd on Wednesday morning and played at ball there and then proceeded to Mt. Pleasant and played there in the afternoon with that club. None of the boys own up that they were out of town.

The fifth anniversary of Empire Lodge, No. 39, I. O. O. F., was held at Edmore, Thursday, July 19th. The Rebecca degree staff of the Alma lodge exemplified the Rebecca degree. A basket picnic dinner, installation of officers and an oration by Grand Master Geo. M. Dewey, of Owosso, were the special features of interest.

We usually sympathize with our friends in trouble, but in the case of B. W. Ellison we hesitate. True he has had his floor so worn out that he is obliged to lay a new one, yet we do not pity him. He, alone, is to blame for it. He has been running a very attractive advertisement in the Record and this is the result. If merchants do not want their floors tramped out by customers, they must keep their advertisements out of the Record.

The Gratiot County Sabbath School Association is making an effort to secure the best terms possible with the Railroads, to the Annual Picnic Convention at St. Louis Aug. 15th. It is expected that the Sabbath Schools throughout the county, as is their wont will be out in full force, to enjoy the day with song and speech, frolic and fun. They should begin preparations at once for this, the Children's Gala Day.

The Palmer trial cost the county not far from \$3500.

For Paris Green, Pure Drugs and Medicines go to T. A. Miller's Drug Store.

The Shepherd second nine will play the Maple Leaf club at this place next Saturday.

Bro. Hoskins, of the St. Louis Leader, was in town Wednesday and made the Record a fraternal call.

The Gratiot county Sunday school association will hold its annual picnic in Golding's grove, St. Louis, Aug. 15.

The haying season has about closed in this section and several farmers will commence in their wheat this week.

Leave your orders for campaign pins, badges or medals with F. P. Shaffer who makes a specialty of that kind of work.

Henry Groat, son-in-law of J. W. Hawkins, is nursing a broken leg, received at Clare while driving a team at logging.

Our readers will be pleased to read a letter in this issue from Prof. D. H. Adams, written at his "Green Mountain" home.

The state Republican convention meets at Detroit, August 8th and 9th. The congressional convention meets at Saginaw Aug. 15.

George R. Brown left for Grand Ledge Tuesday where he assumes the foremanship of the office of the "Grand Ledge Independent."

A car load of tents has arrived at the depot in care of Rev. Mr. Burrill which will be utilized in the camp meeting to be held in Burrill's grove in the near future.

W. S. & S. have shipped three car loads of wool from this station, the result of their purchases so far this season. H. A. Delevan & Co. have shipped one car load.

D. J. Campau, president of the Detroit Driving Club, has our thanks for a press ticket for the blue ribbon meeting of the club, at Detroit, July 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th.

On Monday the Maple Leaf Club defeated the St. Louis club 17 to 10. The Maple Leaf club are very hard to beat taking into consideration that the oldest boy in the club is 17 years.

Charley Hampton has figured up his profits on a daily for two years at Harbor Springs and finds that he is \$37 17 ahead. If you long for wealth just embark in the newspaper business.

Miss Gussie Bennett, of Ithaca, was the guest of his son Dr. J. F. Saydam. He is largely engaged in stock growing in Dakota and recently shipped a car load of stock to that place.

E. B. Green left for Milwaukee last Saturday in answer to a telegram announcing the serious illness of Miss Fannie Hall, and on Monday morning apprised Fred Hamlin of her death.

Willis E. Brown, of Williamston, accompanied by his sister, Minnie, spent Sunday in town the guests of the editor and his family. Willis returned to Williamston Monday morning while Minnie remains a welcome guest for a few days.

The village treasurer is collecting the water tax. We are in receipt of the premium list of the Northwestern Agricultural Society for its fair to be held at Flint, September 17 to 21 inclusive.

We think it generally admitted, that a Street Sprinkler would be a pretty good thing to have in operation upon our streets just about now; yet there is not enterprise enough among our business men to secure this much needed establishment. There have been several abortive attempts made in this direction but so far all have died a born-in.

The Chautauqua Assembly Herald states that Prof. Lewis Stuart, of Alma College, will lecture on "Latin Literature and its lessons for our times" on July 20 and August 1 and 2. It is no surprise to those acquainted with Prof. Stuart to witness such recognition of his literary attainments by this eminently literary assemblage.

Quite an excitement was occasioned on Main Street Monday afternoon, by a runaway horse. Mr. Angell, living near Forest Hill, stopped at Schwartz's watering trough, and having removed the buggy and throwing his little girl out, ran up Main Street; in front of John Hicks ran into Carly Crawford's double buggy, leaving it considerably worse for the accident, dashed on in a mad way to the Wright block, where coming in contact with Chadwick's dray, the horse whirled round upon the sidewalk in front of the hardware Store here a crowd of men arrested any further progress. The buggy and harness were in need of repairs, while the little girl received no serious injury.

The revised time card of the T. and A. will be published next week. Alma now has three daily trains each way which will be of great convenience to the traveling public. We also get regular trains through to Cadillac for the first time since the opening of the road. Died in Alma last Friday evening at the residence of Hiram Utley, Mrs. Elizabeth Patridge, aged 78. Mrs. Patridge was born in Madison Co., New York. Removed to Michigan in 1842. First settled at Saline, afterwards moved to Dewitt, then to St. Johns and eight years ago came to Alma and has had a home with Hiram Utley since that time. She had been in poor health for a long time patiently awaiting the "spirit's sweet release." Her funeral occurred Sunday afternoon. Services at Mr. Utley's, conducted by Rev. A. F. Hart.

PERSONALS.

B. W. Sawyer, of Ithaca, was in town Sunday.

L. W. Miller has gone to Petoskey for an outing.

Charles Yerington has gone to Valparaiso Ind.

Hiram Allen, of Midland, was in town over Sunday.

C. W. Giddings and wife, of St. Louis took in Alma Sunday.

T. A. Miller spent Sunday at Swartz Creek among his relatives.

J. C. Carland spent Sunday with his family at the Wright House.

Mrs. L. W. Miller is spending a few days visiting friends in Ithaca.

A. W. Pequegnat has gone to Petoskey for a few days recreation.

Mr. Cullough of the firm McCullough & Button went to Detroit Wednesday.

Geo. Gibson has commenced an addition to the residence of Rev. T. W. James F. Hall went to Milwaukee Monday morning to attend the funeral of Miss Fannie Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Barrett, of Edmore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loveland over Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Oler, of North Irving, Barry Co., was in town Saturday, and made the writer and family a call.

Marcus Pollasky, of Chicago, spent Sunday in town with his parents and making his many warm friends a call.

Miss Nora Babbitt, daughter of J. Willard Babbitt, Ypsilanti, is here attending the normal term at the college.

C. H. Coats and G. S. Ward and their wives left Wednesday for Bay View, for a few weeks recreation at that charming resort.

Miss Lila Faughner, leaves next Monday for a trip to England, her father M. B. will accompany her as far as New York on a business trip.

Fred Hale, Fred Hamlin, Charley Davis and Geo. N. Wright, visited Saginaw yesterday and no doubt can give you many good points on the races.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Alverson, of Saginaw City, and Mrs. Joseph Robe and infant daughter Leona, of Newark, Ohio, are visiting Mrs. M. McLaren and family.

Mrs. A. J. Taylor and daughter May, of Elm Hall, were in town Tuesday, the guests of Mrs. Henry Brown. Miss May has just closed a successful year of teaching at Little Traverse.

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Expert Testimony?

We find the following in the June number of the Physician and Surgeon:

EDITOR OF THE PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON: At the inquest held over the body of the supposed Mrs. Palmer, in this place, lately, a certain "doctor" gave testimony of such profundity (?) of learning that it occurred to me that it would be valuable to the profession.

He says that "he found the rings of the trachea softened or broken down," and reasons that she (Mrs. Palmer) was choked to death—"can't see any other way than by the hand." (I am quoting from his testimony as published in the Alma Record of February 10, 1888.)

Now, I claim that it is almost impossible for a man, with his hands, to break the rings of the trachea. I believe that it occurs only when the rings of the trachea are calcified. Understand that I am talking of the trachea, and not of the larynx. So is deponent. The "International Encyclopedia of Surgery" gives only eleven cases in the whole literature on the subject. Tidy, in his "Medical Jurisprudence," mentions not a case in which the rings were broken, but does mention five cases in which they were torn.

One may satisfy himself of the difficulty of breaking a trachea by trying to break the rings of the trachea of a dead dog, or by experimenting upon a chicken's windpipe. Any force, furthermore, sufficient to produce such an effect would leave external marks. Tidy says, Volume III, page 255, "Given fractures of the larynx, the application of enormous force is indicated." (I am compelled to quote remarks about the larynx because the literature does not afford examples of such accidents in the trachea.)

But perhaps, after all, the witness does not mean that the trachea was broken, but rotted. Let us assume that that is his meaning. Now, you and everybody else with good powers of observation know that cartilage is second only to bone in indestructibility, as will witness the windpipe of a rotting fowl. The tissues around may have been soft and so may the membrane between the rings, but not the rings.

He says that he found the left side of the hyoid bone "loosened so that by a little pressure it would pass under the other side." I do not know exactly what he means by "would pass under the other side." He had already said that he found the head "twisted to the left on shoulder." This would make the maceration go on faster on the left side, and the bone would become loosened first in that side.

He said, "I placed the lungs in water to see whether there was blood in them; if so they would sink." The blood, if present, could be seen without that test, and it is not possible for a hemorrhage so large to occur in the lungs as to make it sink. Understand me: I am not talking about the transudation of serum into the lung, which, by its slowness, might displace the air from the cells, but of a hemorrhage from violence. The specific gravity of water is 1000; of blood, 1055; of lung, from 345 to 720 (Gray, page 831)—say an average of 550. Blood is about one-twentieth heavier than water; lung about half as heavy.

Will not that buoyancy of one-half float a gravity of one-twentieth? The lung would always contain sufficient air to float itself and the blood. You cannot by any degree of compression short of crushing let so much air out of the lung that it will sink. Lungs of unborn or still-born babies will sink, because they have never been inflated. So will an oedematous, collapsed, hepatized or tuberculous portions of lung. Works on medical jurisprudence do not give this man's test for pulmonary hemorrhage. It must be remembered, too, that he is testifying with the evident intention of proving that the piece came to her death by choking. This alone would prevent the escape of air from the lung.

He says, "I think that the lung of a person dying in a natural way would sink." Of all the foolish things that I ever heard of a "doctor" or of a "professor" saying, this is about the worst. Any boy in a grammar-school ought to know better than that.

He says, "Did not see any blood on box or clothing." "Had there been any blood on the body, it was so decayed that it could not be seen." Any man or woman ought to be able to teach this deponent that blood-stains in garments or on boards last for years; and every medical jurist can relate instances in which blood-stains have been identified as such by the spectroscopic, long after they were made.

But here is the climax. He says, "I found the upper portion of the body very moist, while the lower portion was dry; we get this condition in strangulation." O, memory of Hippocrates! Here is a disciple greater than his master! If this effect were to follow strangulation, the line of the stricture ought to be the boundary between the wet and

dry. And by what occult means is the law of evaporation of fluids suspended in the upper part of a body dead from strangulation? As well might you expect a wet towel, spread out upon a board, to dry at one end and not at the other.

This was the principle testimony in the case, and upon it the jury brought in this verdict, as I am told: "Came to her death by strangulation at the hands of E. L. Palmer." To my mind, the evidence does not show it.

The witness says, "I first examined externally to find any injury; found none."

The post mortem evidences of strangulation are, cyanosis of face and extremities; small hemorrhages from mouth, nose, ears and eyes; swelled and protruded tongue; hands (as in other violent deaths) clenched; marks on neck; internal and middle coats of carotid arteries sometimes ruptured, and lining of larynx and of trachea congested.

I believe Palmer is guilty, but I do not want him convicted on such testimony. I would prefer to have him go free than to have our county endorse such a farcical inquest.

I. N. BRAINERD, M. D.
Alma, Mich., Feb. 20, 1888.

Here is an inquest conducted by Drs. DeMay, Downie, Suydam and Yerington, from which these gentlemen deduce a certain theory, of the murder, as to the nature of the injuries, and the manner in which they were inflicted, fully confirmed in every essential particular by Dr. Scott in a later investigation, also the injured portion of the throat exhibited in court showing the exact injuries alleged, in the theory set forth by these gentlemen and all fully confirmed by that eminent scholar, Dr. R. C. Kedzie, pronounced by this M. D. to be fact!

"O, had some power the gift of a gift!" To see ourself as others see us, It was true once a blunderer free us, And foolish notion!

What airs in dress and gait would have And ex'n devotion!

Orange Blossoms.

A pleasant social event occurred at the residence of Curtis Beeman, of Le Roy, July 3rd; the occasion being the union of Mr. James Kress, of Alma, to Miss Carrie Reid, of Williamston. The ceremony took place at 7 p. m. Rev. Mr. Hart, of Alma, officiating. After congratulations by the many assembled friends a dainty repast was served after which the evening hours were spent in social converse interspersed with music. The flowers were beautiful and the presents numerous and costly. Mrs. Kress leaves a host of admiring friends who unite in kindest wishes for the future happiness of the lovely bride and handsome groom. The happy couple took the train for Jackson the following morning, where they will visit relatives, thence proceeding to Alma where their new and beautiful home already furnished awaits their arrival.—Williamston Enterprise.

Card of Thanks.

To those kind friends who by their many acts of kindness did much to soothe the sufferings and aid us in the care of our beloved mother and who kindly assisted in the last sad rites of burial, we extend our heartfelt thanks. "May loving hands administer to your wants in that last sad hour" is the prayer of your friends.

HIRAM UTLEY,
FRANCES UTLEY.

Alma Market.

Corrected July 14, 1888.

White wheat per bu. 92

Red wheat per bu. 84

White oats per bu. 42

Beans 1 00/2 25

Barley per 100 lbs. 1 00/2 10

Potatoes 40

Corn 2 60/2 25

Pop corn per bu. 20

Dried Apples 10

Eggs per doz. 13

Butter per lb. 12

Chickens and Fowls per lb. 12

Wool 20/2 75

Special Notices.

For Sale.

One new milch cow, cheap; must be cash down. Enquire at this office.

Stone Wanted.

4 cord of stone. Enquire of W. O. Johnson or W. S. & S.

For Sale.

One yoke of young work cattle, well broke. Enquire of Miller Bros., Alma.

For Rent.

One large store room, some fine dwellings and some other business rooms. Enquire of M. C. Dallas, Alma, Mich.

Cigars.

L. S. Weaver sole agent for the clean Havana B. Boston Red, cigar; the smokers will be pleased if they smoke the Boston Red, try them, only five cents at Dr. Weaver's.

Taken Up.

Came into my enclosure May 10th; one heifer calf about 30 months old, red, with white spots on face and belly. Enquire of Jos. Walker, two miles south-east of Alma. Owner can prove property, pay damages, etc.

LOST.

I will give any person a reward of \$5.00 for the return of my black Newfoundland dog, answers to the name of Fritz, is very large and shaggy to the neck.

L. Kebu.

Thoroughbred Stock.

Farmers in this vicinity wishing to improve their stock will do well to call and see the stock of Wright & Hooper before going elsewhere, as we have for sale some very choice young bulls ready for service this year, also bull calves, heifers and heifer calves which we will sell on reasonable terms.

WRIGHT & HOOPER.

Bargains!

Make hay while the sun is shining! Buy when you can buy the cheapest! Buy where you can buy the cheapest!

NOW

is your time---don't wait for cloudy weather!

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The best and handsomest line in

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Boston Rubber.

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